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I support DOE's preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement and land use plan, but want more and better protection of all natural and sensitive lands within the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. Therefore, DoE should include within the natinal wildlife refuge all of the prublic lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford REach especially its islands, the McGee Ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve. DoE should preceed immediately with a separate Record of Decision in order to establish the national wildlife refuge, and protect these special places and natural values in the Handford Nuclear Reservation.

Thank you,

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